



Animal lovers can have fun today and help Animal Right Aruba protect the island's stray dogs and cats!

The parking lot of the Sun Plaza building is the place to be today for the first Animal Fair and Radiothon sponsored by Animal Rights Aruba and Magic FM, 96.5 on your radio dial. You can show off your best animal photos and your talented pet in various contests, and win great prizes too!

Animal Rights Aruba is affiliated with WSPA, the World Society for the Protection of Animals, the largest society of its kind in the world, and the only one recognized by the United Nations. Established in May of 1999, ARA has instigated many projects to help Aruba's stray animals and educate the public about humane treatment of dogs, cats and other creatures. Their motto is "Respecting life for all, we save, we care, we educate."

Today's event will begin at 10 am and end at 4 pm with activities for children, a Pet Photo contest, an Animal Talent competition, plus a drawing contest for children. There will be handicrafts and pet supplies for sale, and veterinarians Ricardo and Andreina Contreras of the Contreras Animal Clinic in Shaba will be on hand to give educational talks and answer your questions about proper pet care. The Party Animals will also be there with fun activities and games for all the kids, and it promises to be a great family outing for a good cause.

Various vendors have donated some very nice prizes for the events. Participants can win cellular phones from both SETAR and Digicel, a year's supply of natural doggie treats from Noah's Ark, a 100 florin gift certificate from Coqui Pet Palace, a cut and blow dry for some pet owner at En Vogue Beauty Salon in Cura Cabai, gift certificates from McDonalds, and some beautiful logo shirts and hats from ARA. Animal Rights Aruba is attempting to raise funds to finance the neutering of stray animals to reduce the proliferation of homeless dogs and cats, and those coming to pledge donations will have their names announced live on Magic FM. There are phone lines set up to accept pledges, and those wishing to contribute can call 993-5393 or 588-0833. Donations can also be made directly into their bank account at the RBTT Bank, acct # 30.62.767. Love and help your pet and all animals with a visit to the Animal Rights Aruba Animal fair today!